



KALAMALKA SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Welcome!

Welcome to new families and students. This August newsletter will update you on some of the startup procedures and help prepare new and established families for the upcoming year. Mr. Jami Burke, Mr. Brandin Charlebois, and Mr. Tyson Held, the custodial crew, are well into getting the facility fully prepared for the upcoming year – thanks for your hard work. We look forward to coming back to a shiny facility. Please note that the start-up outlined here will have some adjustments made as we get closer to the timelines given due to Covid 19.

Student Timetables

Students completed the course selections. We have used selections to create the courses offered. Your Kal student may have selected a course that did not get offered due to low numbers. These students will be programmed into other courses to meet their graduation needs. We do not give spares in the first semester. Second semester spares are given to students in Grade 12 who will have the full credits for the year. These students are generally taking a course outside of the timetable and have the extra credits on the year. Thank you Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Mohr for your work in getting timetables ready for our students. **Students timetables will be released on MyEd BC on August 28th.** The counsellors will be available for change requests on August 31st through to September 2. Please note that timetables may be adjusted due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Stage 2 Return to School

We are currently working on Kalamalka Secondary School's plan for the Stage 2 return to school plan. We are reviewing a variety of scenarios that will fall under the direction outlined below. When we have details on how this will be accomplished, we will connect again.

Secondary school students will continue to be organized in classrooms. School timetables will be organized to limit students to learning groups of no more than 120 students and staff. Secondary schools will be able to re-organize learning groups after each quarter or semester.

Grade 8 and New Student BBQ and Introduction

Of course this is tentative and will happen in some fashion still to be determined. On September 2, at a time TBD, we will be hosting the grade 8 and new student introduction. We may have this introduction in smaller groups to start. Students are welcomed to the school, given their timetable, locker, and the opportunity to tour the school to find out

where their classes are. We will know more about the modified times as we complete plans for the year. We will have school shorts and t-shirts available for purchase at this time.

BYOD

Kalamalka Secondary has Wifi that is accessible to students. This comes with a need for student responsibility and respect. This can benefit students in learning how to use electronic platforms that are currently used in Universities and Colleges and allow students to connect with their school work at home and at school. This wifi is not a service for greater cell phone use. We recommend that students use a device with a keyboard. The current expectations for the use of electronics will be reviewed on the first day and in our first assembly. This will be an important learning tool in the classroom going forward. Most of our classes use the Google classroom for assignments and submitting work. The school provides computers as needed, but it is nice for students to be accustomed to their own device. **We do not take responsibility for lost or damaged devices.**

Attached is a PDF that provides some information around devices being used by our teachers in School District #22 prepared by our Technology Innovation Coordinators. Those families looking at purchasing a new device for their kids for learning may want to take a look at these devices. It is a good idea for families to choose devices which are similar to what is being used at home. For example, families with Apple accounts would choose an Apple device or families with Windows devices at home would choose a Windows device. Also, keyboards and stylus are helpful learning accessories for the classroom. Keep in mind that there are many different device options out there and with the flexibility of platforms most devices will work within our infrastructure and these devices are only recommendations. We will also have many devices available for students to use within the school if they do not have their own device.

New Student Registration

New students in our catchment can come in during the week of August 31 to September 4 to register. Students in our catchment can still register on Tuesday, September 8. Please call in advance to set up a time for registration. You will need proof of residence and student care card and birth certificate. Some new students may be asked to wait until after Friday, September 11 while we determine available class spaces. We are very sorry for the inconvenience and



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will work hard to ensure all of our students can meet their goals for the 2020/21 school year.

Kalamalka Secondary Staff to date

Office Staff: Jan Mills, Tanya Barnard, Audrey Grieve

Custodial Staff: Jami Burke, Tyson Held, Brandon Charlebois.

Teaching Librarian: Kelly Challen

Teaching Staff: Stephanie Anderson, Sena Bishop, Kate Bezugely, Jennifer Bitz, Ian Busfield, Derri-Ann Cooper, Geordy Cuthbert, Curt Facca, Dave Fehr, Sara Fyke, Jim Garlick, Mitch Goodwin, Maria Hansen, Paul Hunter, Meg Irwin, Rob Kopera, Olaf Korb, Larissa Kouwenhoven, Brad Krahn, Nicole Kuemmerle, Heather Malcolm, Linda Mellilo, Alan McAndrew, Jill McDonald, Ali Munro, Tamara Nicolas, Jillian Shore, Shon Thomas, Briana Vaskic, Casey Walker, Todd Wenger, Kelly Winston.

Counsellors: Lori Knight and Brandice Mohr

Drug and Alcohol Counsellor: Doug Rogers

Certified Educational Assistants: Brandy Hansen, Lisa Klammer, Sandra Shillington, Shannon Siedl, Jessica Vischschraper

Bus Supervisor: Sandra Shillington

The 2020/2021 PAC

President: Sharmen Dawson

VP: Carla Glessing

Secretary: Shannon Holmes

Treasurer: James Lockwood

PAC is looking for a parent to serve as the DPAC Rep.

This is an important role as the DPAC Rep facilitates the PAC's connections to other SD22 PACs, DPAC and the District, as well as to the BC Confederation of PACs (BCCPAC). Please contact Sharmen Dawson for more information sgd1930@icloud.com

Day One:

As stated, due to Covid 19, our day one procedure and regular schedule may be adjusted to meet the Stage 2 guidelines. Another letter will be sent to outline this process when it has been determined. Thanks for your patience as we work out the finer details with all stakeholders.

Regular Period Schedule:

Normal period schedules would be as follows...

Period 1 8:30am – 9:50am

AM Break 9:50am – 10:04am

Period 2 10:04am – 11:25am

Lunch 11:25am - 12:05pm

Period 3 12:05pm - 1:25pm

PM Break 1:25pm – 1:40pm

Period 4 1:40pm – 3:00pm

The block rotation for each week is in the Grade 8 student planners, on the “MySchoolDay” App and is posted in the office each day.

School Supplies

Students should come to class on opening day prepared to work, with pen/pencil, binder and notepaper.

Teachers will advise students of any special supplies that they will need for their courses. These supplies may include items such as glue sticks, calculators, scissors, felt pens...

Extra Curricular:

The fall season has currently been cancelled. We will be looking at continuing the athletic development of our students in other ways that will meet the guidelines set out by the Ministry of Education and Dr. Bonnie Henry.

School Photos:

School Photos are ordered online. A message will be sent home on the week of school photos asking your permission to allow Mountain West to use your email address to send you your proofs and order access number. Please ensure that your information is up to date with the school.

Accident Insurance:

Parents should be aware that the School District does carry medical accident insurance for individual students. This is minimal insurance that can be augmented by personal family plans. Additional information can be found on the School District's web site. www.sd22.bc.ca/accident.html

Student Handbook and Code of Conduct:

The student handbook and code of conduct is given to all grade 8 students in the student planner. The code of conduct is reviewed with all students in homeroom. The handbook and Code of Conduct are available to review on the website. Hard copies are available at the office for those who wish to have one.

Demographics, Lates and Absences:

If your Kal student is late or absent, please contact the office at 250-545-1396. This will save us a lot of time tracking students that could otherwise be used to help the learning of our students. Please let the office know of any



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change in phone numbers, address, or email so that you can stay up to date with the latest at Kal Secondary.

Bus Transportation

The district is currently working on protocol for bussing. Information to register your student for the bussing can be found on the website. I will update this information when it becomes available.

<http://www.sd22.bc.ca/Programs/transportation/Pages/default.aspx>

Grad 2021

We look forward to making this the best year for our 2021 grad students. I will be taking the lead role in making sure this year's grad events are exceptional. This cannot happen without the help of the fantastic parent volunteers. The first parent meeting is on September 22, at 6:30pm as a Teams meeting.